

## **SUBMISSION FOR APPLICATION No. SSD5752**

Please find the submission below that OBJECTS to the current Development Application SSD5752.

We are owners in the Goldsbrough, a residential building of approximately 500 apartments, which is located directly behind the proposed ICC Convention Centre.

- **OBJECTION 1: THE HEIGHT AND SCALE OF THE NEW ICC CONVENTION CENTRE IN RELATION TO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURS**

We object to the height of the proposed new ICC Convention Centre which will nearly be to the top of the Goldsbrough's height. In the DA plans the proposed height will block the entire view to Darling Harbour and the city from the Goldsbrough's eastern facing apartments. Once the Convention Centre is built the city skyline and Darling Harbour view will be replaced with a flat blank metallic wall. There is supposed to be a concept of view sharing in the city but in this case the whole of the eastern view of the Goldsbrough will be blocked out by the new ICC Convention Centre.

- **OBJECTION 2: OVERSHADOWING OF THE GOLDSBROUGH FROM THE PROPOSED ICC AND LOSS OF WINTER MORNING SUNLIGHT.**

Looking at the Shadow analysis diagrams in the DA it shows a significant loss of sunlight on Pyrmont Street at the front of the building and the Eastern face of the Goldsbrough. The ICC shadow diagrams also show that there will be a significant overshadowing of the Goldsbrough from the new ICC, this will take away morning sunlight in winter. This will result in an increase in heating costs for the apartments as well as the loss of valuable morning sunlight and therefore decreasing the environmentally friendliness of the Goldsbrough.

- **OBJECTION 3: REMOVAL OF CURRENT CONVENTION CENTRE WALKWAY WITHOUT A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC ACCESS.**

Looking at the plans it appears that the current overhead pedestrian walkway next to the Convention monorail station is to be removed. If this is removed not only will the Goldsbrough be affected but it will affect all the regular users from the public car parks on the Western side of Darling Harbour, buildings on Harris Street and the commercial building at 135 Pyrmont Street. This walkway is currently the easiest and safest walkway to enter the Darling Harbour area from the Western side.

Currently it is estimated that there are around 7000 pedestrian movements across this walkway on a regular day and many more on busy event days. This walkway is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with continuous public access. It is the only safe way to cross the light rail tracks and Darling Drive. It would be disastrous if this walkway was to be removed.

- **OBJECTION 4: NO CONSIDERATION FOR AESTHETICS ON THE WESTERN OR REAR FAÇADE OF THE ICC.**

As mentioned in objection 1 once the ICC is erected, the view of the city skyline and Darling Harbour will be replaced by a mainly Grey metal panel wall, which will look like a Grey metal barricade from the Goldsbrough. All the appealing glass frontage is kept for the Eastern face of the building. Any photographic shots show the view of the East face yet all the Goldsbrough will see is the ugly grey panel wall. If this is the case then at least some regard should be paid to the fact and the Western face of the ICC modified to be more aesthetically appealing.

- OBJECTION 5: THE GOLDSBROUGH BEING AN ICONIC AND HERITAGE PART OF DARLING HARBOUR WILL BE OBSCURED FROM THE PUBLIC VIEW.

The Goldsbrough which is a building of iconic and heritage significance in Sydney will be obscured by the positioning of the ICC. As it stands the Goldsbrough remains one of the last historic buildings in the Darling Harbour precinct that can be seen from the public areas. The new ICC will obscure the historic façade of the building from public view and one that has been part of the Darling Harbour landscape since Sydney's early days.

In conclusion we ask that all the above objections being considered carefully as the new ICC will have major adverse affects on over 500 apartments in the Goldsbrough building alone, not to mention other neighbouring buildings.